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THEFT OF SPARE PARTS FROM CODS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether valuable spares are being stolen from various CODs;
- (b) if so, the details of such incidents recorded during the last three years;
- (c) whether the security arrangements in the CODs are not upto the mark resulting in such crimes; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to prevent such thefts from CODs?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): There have been no major thefts of valuable stores in the last three years in the Central Ordnance Depots, except one. A theft occurred in Central Ordnance Depot, Jabalpur on 28th December, 2000. Preliminary inquiry conducted by Central Ordnance Depot Jabalpur has revealed losses of Ordnance stores made of brass weighing approximately 989 Kgs worth about Rs. 17.40 lakhs. A Court of Inquiry has been ordered. AOC is the largest holder of stores for the Army. Minor losses involving items of petty nature are not an uncommon phenomenon. A formal record of all major thefts is reported to the Army Headquarters and a Staff Court of Inquiry ordered.

(c) Adequate security arrangements exist in all Central Ordnance Depots which are being properly augmented/implemented from time to time.

(d) Necessary instructions on strengthening the security of Ordnance Depots, have since been issued again to all concerned.